

**Advisory Council for the Education of
Students with Disabilities
Approved Minutes**

**October 23, 2006
TPS Campus, Hardison Building
1256 Foster Avenue
Nashville, TN 37243**

Members of the Council in Attendance

Dawn Bradley
Paula Brownyard
Samuel Cole
Jeff Finney
Winnie Forrester
Barbara Jenkins

Kyle Hauth
Beulah Oldham
Fran Powers
Rex Roberts
James Topp

Members of the Council not in Attendance

David Blier
Cynthia Higginbotham

Emily Lowrance
Jennifer Partlow

State Employees in Attendance

Bob Blair, TN Department of Education/Division of Special Education (TDE/DSE)
Joseph Fisher, TDE/DSE
Juanita Flakes, TN Department of Human Services/Division of Rehabilitation Services (DHS/DRS)
Ann Hampton, TDE/DSE
Jessica Harbison, TDE/DSE
Terry Long, TDE/DSE
Nan McKerley, TDE/DSE
Steve Sparks, TDE/DSE
Bill Wilson, TDE/DSE

Visitors in Attendance

holly lu conant rees, Disability Coalition on Education (DCE)
Susan Dalton, TN Education Association (TEA)
Sam Gage, Selmer, Tennessee
Bill Gage Selmer, Tennessee
Loria Hubbard-Richardson, The Arc of Tennessee Project LINK
Rich Lewis, Mid-South Regional Resource Center, University of Kentucky
Dorisann Pell-McLean, TN Voices for Children
Walter Rogers, The Arc of Tennessee
Janet Shouse, Autism Society of Middle Tennessee
Ned Solomon, Developmental Disabilities Council

Welcome

Dr. Topp called the meeting to order by having the Council members and guests recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Approval of Minutes from July 24, 2006 meeting

The minutes of the July meeting were accepted with one correction to the date listed for previous meeting.

Report from the Chair

- The Council information on the Department of Education, Division of Special Education is still being worked on. Progress has been slow due to personnel changes within the Department.
- The Annual Spring Conference dates have been announced. Mark your calendars for February 28 – March 2, 2007.
- In order for the Council to review the TDE/DSE Annual Performance Report before the deadline to submit to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), the January meeting date was changed to January 8, 2007.
- The locations of upcoming meetings (in East or West Tennessee) will be decided at the January meeting.
- With the new federal regulations in place, the TDE/DSE has formed a task force to look at our state regulations. The State Special Education Rules and Regulations Revision Task Force met on October 16, 2006 and are scheduled to meet again November 20, 2006.
- The Special Education Administrative Law Judges are due for reappointment. Interviews are scheduled for December 14-15, 2006.

Public Input

There were none present who wished to address the Council.

Election of Council Chair and Vice-Chair

Joseph Fisher, Council Secretary, opened the floor to nominations for Council Chair. Rex Roberts nominated Jim Topp, which Beulah Oldham seconded. A vote passed and Dr. Topp was named Chair for 2006-2007. Mr. Fisher then asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Kyle Hauth nominated Jeff Finney, which was seconded. The vote carried and Mr. Finney was named Vice-Chair for 2006-2007.

Update on Final Vote for 2006-2007 Annual Goals

The Goals were adopted as presented.

Presentation by the Disability Coalition on Education (DCE)

holly lu conant rees was introduced to present information to the Council that the DCE has gathered on inclusion.

Presentation on the Annual Performance Report (APR)

TDE/DSE staff reviewed seven (7) indicators (or sections) from the Annual Performance Report (APR) and State Performance Plan (SPP). Council approval is needed before this information can be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on February 1, 2007. Most sections have been pre-formatted by OSEP and only require a review of the data; however, each state develops the format for Indicator 20 of the report. All suggestions must be made to Terry Long by January 1, 2007 for consideration. A vote was held and passed to accept each Indicator as presented with exception to Indicator 20.

Other New Business

The Council set the following meeting dates for the next year:

January 8, 2007 (note: this is a change as discussed during the July meeting)

April 23, 2007

July 23, 2007

October 22, 2007

Dr. Topp then adjourned the meeting.